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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A telecommunication equipment storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement, comprising:

a storage compartment with sides;

an opening in at least one of the sides;

a lower portion of the storage unit provided with a plurality of rollers; and

a roller shelf provided with a plurality of rollers capable of being attached to the storage unit so that the roller shelf extends away from an edge of the opening of the storage compartment, such that one or more trays for carrying items to be stored in the storage compartment, may be moved over the rollers of the storage unit, out through the opening, and onto the rollers of the roller shelf [[,]]

~~wherein the plurality of rollers are mounted in a manner so as to project partially through openings formed in both the lower portion of the storage unit and a surface of the roller shelf.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The telecommunication equipment storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the storage unit is a cabinet with a top, a bottom, and four sides.

3. (Canceled)

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4. (Currently Amended) The telecommunication equipment storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the roller shelf includes hooks for attaching the roller shelf adjacent to the opening in the at least one of the sides of the storage compartment.

5. (Currently Amended) The telecommunication equipment storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the roller shelf is free standing.

6. (Currently Amended) The telecommunication equipment storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the roller shelf serves as a door for covering the opening.

7. (Currently Amended) The telecommunication equipment storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 6, wherein the roller shelf is pivotably attached to the storage unit below the opening of the storage compartment, the roller shelf swinging upward to close the opening.

8. (Currently Amended) The telecommunication equipment storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the rollers are distributed

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substantially uniformly over the lower portion of the storage unit and the roller shelf in order to evenly distribute a weight of the items on the tray.

9. (Currently Amended) The telecommunication equipment storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the tray is a flat plate and includes a front wall and side walls extending rearwardly from ends of the front wall, the front wall and the side walls extending upwardly from the flat plate of the tray.

10. (Currently Amended) The telecommunication equipment storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the roller shelf includes two or more bracket assemblies with rollers, the bracket assemblies being usable independently of each other.

11. (Currently Amended) The telecommunication equipment storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 1, further comprising an interlock to prevent the tray from moving prior to attaching the roller shelf to the storage unit.

12. (Currently Amended) The telecommunication equipment storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the opening is provided on two of the

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sides of the storage compartment opposite to each other, thus providing for bi-directional travel of the tray.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The telecommunication equipment storage unit with a rolling tray according to claim 1, wherein the roller shelf may be used with multiple trays housed in a plurality of storage units.

15. (Currently Amended) The telecommunication equipment storage unit with a rolling tray according to claim 1, where the tray is movable completely outside the storage unit onto the roller shelf.

16. (Currently Amended) The telecommunication equipment storage unit with a roller tray according to claim 1, further comprising:

~~telecommunications equipment housed in the storage compartment; and~~
batteries supported on said tray for providing power to the telecommunications equipment storage unit.

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17. (Currently Amended) The telecommunication equipment storage unit with a rolling tray according to claim 1, wherein batteries are stored in the storage compartment, and the roller shelf may be stored above the batteries in the storage compartment when not supporting the tray, thus holding the batteries securely on the tray.

18. (Currently Amended) The telecommunication equipment storage unit with a rolling tray according to claim 1, wherein the rollers on both the tray and the roller shelf are arranged in rows and columns, each row and column having at least three separate rollers.

19-34. (Canceled)

35. (Currently Amended) The telecommunication equipment storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the roller shelf includes a plate with a front wall and side walls extending rearwardly from ends of the front wall, the front wall and the side walls extending upwardly from the plate of the roller shelf.

36. (Currently Amended) The telecommunication equipment storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of rollers are mounted in a manner so as to project partially through openings formed in both the lower portion of the storage unit and a surface of the roller shelf, and wherein the openings in both the lower

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portion of the storage unit and the surface of the roller shelf are arranged in rows and columns, each row and column including at least three openings.

37. (New) A storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement, comprising:

- a storage compartment with sides;
- an opening in at least one of the sides;
- a lower portion of the storage unit provided with a plurality of rollers; and
- a roller shelf provided with a plurality of rollers capable of being attached to the storage unit so that the roller shelf extends away from an edge of the opening of the storage compartment, such that one or more trays for carrying items to be stored in the storage compartment, may be moved over the rollers of the storage unit, out through the opening, and onto the rollers of the roller shelf,

wherein the plurality of rollers are mounted in a manner so as to project partially through openings formed in both the lower portion of the storage unit and a surface of the roller shelf, and wherein the opening is provided on two of the sides of the storage compartment opposite to each other, thus providing for bi-directional travel of the tray.

38. (New) A storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement, comprising:

- a storage compartment with sides;
- an opening in at least one of the sides;

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a lower portion of the storage unit provided with a plurality of rollers; and
a roller shelf provided with a plurality of rollers capable of being attached to the storage unit so that the roller shelf extends away from an edge of the opening of the storage compartment, such that one or more trays for carrying items to be stored in the storage compartment, may be moved over the rollers of the storage unit, out through the opening, and onto the rollers of the roller shelf,

wherein the plurality of rollers are mounted in a manner so as to project partially through openings formed in both the lower portion of the storage unit and a surface of the roller shelf, and wherein batteries are stored in the storage compartment, and the roller shelf may be stored above the batteries in the storage compartment when not supporting the tray, thus holding the batteries securely on the tray.